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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: AB 2163

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has reviewed Assembly Bill No. 2163, signed by Governor Schwarzenegger on September 25, 2010 and effective September 27, 2010. This new law revises the provisions allowing for the extension of a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) on which timber operations have commenced but not been completed pursuant to amended language in the Public Resources Code (PRC) § 4590. THPs may now be extended for up to four years (four one-year extensions or two, two-year extensions) depending on the completion, expiration or approval date, and will allow extensions that exceed the current two, one-year extensions. The new law also includes a sunset provision. Portions of the new law will be repealed on January 1, 2012 unless other legislation is enacted that extends the effective date.

CAL FIRE has prepared a *Question and Answer* document to assist landowners, registered professional foresters, and others in understanding the changes in the law and how they will be implemented and enforced. Copies of the document will be posted on the CAL FIRE webpage at: http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_forestpractice_pubsmemos_memos.php

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at (916)653-4298.

Sincerely,

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